

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1380 without my signature.

This bill is inconsistent with the State Board of Education's educational principles to ensure that classroom curriculum is rigorous, standards-aligned and research-based. It would significantly undermine California's current standards-aligned textbook adoption process by not allowing for sufficient consideration of materials submitted by school districts. Provisions in the bill requiring an automatic approval by the State Board of Education within 90 days of submitted instructional materials, unless certain findings are made, could result in a more lenient review standard or a higher rejection rate. Neither of these results serve to provide California's students with the highest level of instructional quality that is deserved.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger